

In regards to the Wa state ferries instituting "airport like" security measures, I just can believe that the American people will allow this right wing government to continue to strip away our ability to be free under our constitution, misleading us under the guise of the homeland security act or any other act intended to "protect" us. I have lived in Friday Harbor Wa. for 20 years and own a local business. Our livelihood is heavily dependant on folks coming over to visit the beautiful San Juans. On a recent return trip from Anacortes, we left the little league game at 7:45 to catch an 8:30 boat to Friday Harbor. This was on a Friday nite in the middle of July!...guess what....the boat didnt even fill up and we made it with no problem...the point is that ridership is already down thanks to the ferry fare increases and this states governors (Locke) inability to create new avenues of revenue. So...now comes the federal government saying we need to be secure on our ferries, so well implement a more stringent search policy and tighter security. Well folks, that will be the nail in the coffin for places like Friday Harbor. Theres long lines now, just think when the government steps in! Its that simple. This administration is so full of collusion, back door good old boy deals, and ridiculous right wing politics that it will ultimately destroy our economy for the "regular" folks. Yes like you... Thing is that they(feds) dont think were noticing this!...I dont remember any white folks, or black or chinese or hispanic or any other ethic group responsible besides the Saudi Arabians and a few Afgani and Iraqis who were responsible for the terrorist attacks of 911. Yet the American people have been overrun with new polices created in the back room for "our own good" The Bush administration has used this episode to continually erode our rights as free americans under the flimsy guise of homeland security. While we certainly want to be safe its a bit much...Besides with our stellar intelligence on such matters shouldnt we be able to find the threat first? Thats a joke son!... Please!! Billions of tax dollars spent. More on the way. Show me a real threat to these ferries and mabey Ill be convinced but at this point its a game of creating a public fear and paranoia so even more rules and regulations and "security" (for your own good)measures can be created. Its very disturbing that Americans are standing still for this type of "big brother" scrutiny. It is designed to invade your private life and strip your constitutional and first amendmant rights while they are laughing all the way to the bank...this administrations legacy will be summed up in one word, Bullish! Did I misspell that? Over and out!